ൻറിംഗ്ം കൺട്രോളറായി ഉദ്യോഗത്തിന്ന് ഒരാളെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പോരിക്കൽ അടിയന്തിരമായി ഒരു ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥന കൊണ്ടുവരികയും സഭ അതു് അനുവദിക്കയും ചെയ്തു. എന്നാൽ അതിനു ആളുകിട്ടിയില്ല എന്നുപറഞ്ഞു് ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ആ തുക വ്യയം ചെയ്തില്ല ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സംഗതികൾ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുമേധാവികൾ ബജഡ്ഡറു സമയത്തു തന്നെ ആലോചിച്ചു് അതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നാൽ സഭയുടെ ഈ പരിമിതമായ സമയത്തെ ഉരുപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടിവരികയില്ലായിരുന്നു. ഏതായാലും ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഇവിടെകൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഡിമാൻഡ് ആവശ്യമെന്നു തോന്നുകയാൽ ഞാൻ അതിനെ അനുകൂലിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not think there is any fear that the funds will lapse. As a matter of fact, one building has been roofed, two buildings are about to be roofed; and the basement has been finished in the case of the fourth building. I have no hesitation in saying that the whole work will be completed this year.

President: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 10,000 for work in connection with the provision of additional accommodation in the General Hospital Trivandrum.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

EDUCATION.

Mr. G. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 45,000 for payment of compensation to private schools on account of fee concession granted by them to backward and depressed class pupils. I believe the House is aware that an elaborate fee concession scheme was introduced by Government more than 12 years ago. Under that scheme private schools also grant half and full fee concessions to pupils of the backward, depressed and forward communities; and in return Government have undertaken to reimburse the private managements to the extent of 75 per cent. of their loss on this account. A very large amount is spent by Government every year by way of fee concession grants to private schools. This year, we want an additional sum of Rs. 45,000 to clear all past liabilities under this head. The provision of Rs. 1,10,000 in this current year's Budget is found insufficient especially since the arrears of 1110 and 1111 have got to be cleared. During the years 1110 and 1111 the allotment was reduced to Rs. 90,000 on account of financial stringency and hence arrears accumulated. It is considered desirable that these arrears

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should be paid off this year since a general revision of the fee concession scheme is in contemplation and may be introduced next year. It is hoped that under the new fee concession scheme the financial commitments of Government would be reduced to some extent. For instance, under the new scheme, it is proposed to compensate private schools only to the extent of 60 per cent. of their loss under this head and not 75 per cent. as at present. Government consider it necessary and desirable to extinguish this liability before the new scheme is introduced next school year. I request the House to allow this demand.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : From the speech of the Director it would appear that the demand is made on account of fee concessions not only to backward and depressed class pupils but also to pupils of the forward communities. But, from the demand sheet we see that it refers only to the backward and depressed class pupils. I do not understand how that discrepancy crept in. If it is not a discrepancy, I would like to know from the Director whether there is a separate fund for the depressed and backward class pupils alone?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the Government still retain the word "depressed class"?

President : Formal orders have not yet been passed.

Mr. M. Govindan : The words "backward and depressed class" are printed in the demand sheet, my friend can read it. Government have retained those words so far as this demand is concerned. I am not now concerned with the words so much as with the fact whether this demand is made for the pupils of all communities, under the present fee concession scheme, or only for the pupils of the backward and depressed classes. There can be only one figure. If there is a separate fund for the forward communities that information must be given to this House.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is no separation of the fund. There are arrears under the present scheme. Really, the scheme includes forward communities also. But the bulk of the fee concession allotment is spent for the backward and depressed class communities.

Mr. M. Govindan : That is an admission that the demand is inaccurately worded. If it really includes the pupils of the forward communities also, why should it be stated in the demand sheet that the whole amount is intended for the depressed and backward class pupils alone? That will lead to complaints.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : These are arrears under the existing scheme. That scheme is in respect of fee concession to backward, depressed and forward communities.

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President : The honourable member is objecting to the description given in the demand sheet.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I think it is only a very minor terminoloicgal inexactitude. I do not think it is a serious matter. There is no need to exggerate its importance.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

EXCISE.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 185 for a Chowkey at the new railway station at Edava. A railway station has been opened at Edava from 1st December last, and a staff for a chowkey there has become a necessity.

The staff is to consist of one Petty officer on Rs. 18 per mensem, one fourth grade Peon on Rs. 10 per mensem and one fifth grade Peon on Rs. 9 per mensem. The total monthly expenditure comes to Rs. 37. And the expenditure for the remaining five months of the year comes to Rs. 185. I move that the House do grant this demand.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, I oppose this demand. I do so not with the idea of depriving the Excise Commissioner of the paltry sum of Rs. 185 but with a view to bring to the notice of this House the short-sightedness underlying the policy pursued by the department in multiplying chowkey in the State. No doubt every country should have the requisite number of chowkeys and customs houses to safe-guard its customs revenue, but to fill the country with too many chowkeys is not only shocking to the self respect of the citizens but is also a source of great nuisance and annoyance to them.

Mr. E. P. Varghese (*Nominated*) : Is it not necessary to have chowkeys in railway stations ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : I am dealing with that question. Sir, I can understand the necessity for opening chowkeys at the gate-ways of the country to prevent the smuggling of dutiable articles either from or into the State, but there can be no propriety or justification in opening a net work of chowkeys from one end of the country to the other. If we look into the Excise map of the country we will be bewildered to find the existence of several chowkeys even in unnecessary places, where the people are put to the unpleasant ordeal of a minute search or examination by the Excise authorities. I do not understand why there should be a chowkey in every railway station. So far as our railways are concerned there need be only one chowkey at or near Shencotta. All other railway or inland chowkeys can be abolished without affecting the customs revenues. As it is a person who

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travels from Shencotta to Trivandrum is subjected to a thorough examination by the Excise subordinates at every railway station where he alights. Is there any justification for molesting travellers like that when they are travelling inside the State boundaries ? The abolition of these inland chowkeys will bring a big saving to Government. It is high time for the Excise Commissioner to take up this question seriously, to study the whole problem and abolish these inland chowkeys. With these words, I oppose this demand.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻഡിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. പുത്തനായി തുറന്ന ഒരു റെയിൽവേസ്റ്റേഷനിൽ ഒരു ചവുക്ക ഏർപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതിലേക്കാണ് ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥന ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ചവുക്കകളെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കരുതെന്നു കുറെക്കാലമായി പരാതി പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണു്. എവിടെ പള്ളിയുണ്ടോ അവിടെ വാജപ്പുകയിലയും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുമെന്ന് ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ അസംബ്ളി നടപടികൾകൊണ്ടു ഊഹിക്കുവാൻ ന്യായമുണ്ടു്. ചവുക്കിലെ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ജനങ്ങളോടു ആരംഭകാലത്തു നക്കാപിച്ച വാങ്ങിത്തുടങ്ങി. അതു ക്രമേണ വർദ്ധിച്ചു ഉയർന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥലോകത്തിലേക്കും വ്യാപിച്ചു് ഒടുവിൽ തടുക്കാൻവഹിയാതായി. ആദായം കിട്ടുമെന്നു കണ്ടാൽ അതിൽ അഭിരുചിയും അത്യാസക്തിയും ജനിക്കുക മനുഷ്യസാധാരണമാണു്. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഈയിടെ ഉണ്ടായ ബഹളങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാം കാരണം ഇതാണു്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള അക്രമങ്ങൾ ക്രമാതീതമായി വർദ്ധിച്ചുതന്നെവരുന്നു. ഇനി കാലാന്തരത്തിൽ ഇതു കുറെക്കൂടി വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരികയുംചെയ്യും. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു ഭീമമായ സംഖ്യ നഷ്ടം വരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു ഒരു നല്ല സാമർത്ഥ്യമുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെവച്ചു് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയാൽ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. എത്ര ഭീമമായ അഴിമതികളാണു് ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു കണ്ണാടിയിൽ എന്നപോലെ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു കാണുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഈ സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റിയെല്ലാം അവിടത്തെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളും പൊതുജനപ്രതിനിധികളും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുമേധാവികളെയും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനേയും ധരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടും ഗവണ്മെൻറു വെറും മൂകമനോഭാവം അവലംബിച്ചിരുന്നതിൻറെ ഫലമാണു് കഴിഞ്ഞ അസംബ്ളിരംഗത്തിൽ കണ്ടതായ വേഷവിധാനങ്ങൾ. മേലിലും അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അനിഷ്ടസംഭവങ്ങൾക്കിടയാകരുതെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ എതിർത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Sir, neither Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai nor Mr. Kattakayam objected to this demand on its merits. They have been pressing on the attention of the Government the policy underlying the demand. Mr. M. N, Paramesvaran Pillai, for instance, would like to have all the chowkey abolished, and build big customs houses in the frontier. That may be an ideal scheme. But there are difficulties in the practical working of such a scheme. For instance if a big chowkeyr is built on the Shencotta frontier and all the interior Chowkeys are abolished then, all incoming and outgoing trains, including both goods and passenger trains will have to be detained at Shencotta for a sufficiently long time to admit of a thorough examination of all passengers, their luggage as as well as the goods. The goods loaded for and from Travancore will have to be unloaded for customs verifications.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether all trains are not detained for one hour and more at Kannamangalam on the way to Pondicherry? And may I know whether the Government of Travancore could not negotiate with the S. I. R and the Government of India with regard to this matter?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Every goods train and every passenger train must be detained. There must be no protest from the travelling public as well as others using the train. The present arrangement no doubt sometimes causes slight inconvenience to the people travelling in train within the State itself. But there is provision for respectable passengers signing a declaration that they do not carry any contraband articles with them. They can thus save themselves from the trouble or inconvenience of being examined at every station. It is very seldom that we come across complaints in this respect.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will it not be a substantial saving to Government if these railway chowkeys are abolished?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: It will be a saving; but there is the question of the trains being detained for long at the frontier stations resulting in hardship and inconvenience to the public.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member whether he has addressed the Government on the matter and placed his suggestions before them?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: This question has been considered by the Government on several occasions. So far as the Trivandrum-Tinnevelly line is concerned a big chowkey at Shencotta may suffice. But for the Shorannur-Ernakulam line, there we

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require two chowkeys, one at Arukutty and the other at Edapalli. This is an important matter, and has to be handled not only by our Government, but by other Governments also. But, the present is only for a small sum for the establishment of a chowkey at the Edava railway station. I hope the House will grant it.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

POLICE.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar:

I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 405 for the payment of over-time allowance to Constables and Head Constables in connection with the special work turned out by them this year. By special work, I mean the good work of public appreciation and public value involving over stain, over-exertion and over-time on the occasion of the several celebrations and rejoicings connected with His Highness The Maharaja's birthday, the visit of His Excelleney the Governor of Madras, the situations created by the Temple Entry Proclamation and the visit of Mr. Gandhi and various meetings held and processions conducted on these occasions. The budget provision made already is found inadequate to meet the present demand. These special cases call for special considerations by way of special rewards, and hence this motion for the supplementary grant.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I rise to support the demand. In doing so I may also observe that the Police at times go out of their way and commit excesses which must be seriously taken into consideration. Very recently, the excesses committed by the Reserve Police at Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha Taluks demand serious notice. Many innocent people were the victims of such excesses and they had to suffer much. Sir, there is no doubt of the fact that there is smuggling going on in some of these places. To prevent smuggling, the smugglers ought to be caught red-handed; there is no justification in molesting innocent people. It is more than a month since the incident took place; and the people are anxiously waiting to see what action the Government are going to take in the matter. As a result of these Police excesses, people have actually migrated from those places, temporarily. The incident has caused much unrest in those localities. I submit that a committee may be appointed as early as possible to make a thorough investigation into the matter so as to enable the people to live in peace with perfect confidence on the good intentions of Government. With these words I support the demand.

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